



Maj. Gen. David T. Zabecki, commander, SETAF Rear, salutes a picture of Staff Sgt. Troy Ezernack during a memorial service held Friday at the Ederle Chapel. (Photo by Barbara Romano, 7 ATC Photo Lab)

IMA-EURO changes to U.S. Army Garrison structure



Maj. Gen. David P. Valcourt (left), U.S. Army Europe acting deputy commanding general and IMA Europe Region Director Russell B. Hall (center) inspect the troops at the IMA-EURO redesignation ceremony in Heidelberg, Germany, Thursday. The old structure of Area Support Groups and Base Support Battalions were redesignated into 21 U.S. Army Garrisons to align with the common U.S. Army installation management structure worldwide, known as Standard Garrison Organization.

Story and photo by IMA-Europe
Public Affairs

HEIDELBERG – The U.S. Army Installation Management Agency – Europe Region held a formal redesignation ceremony Thursday at 3:15 p.m. on the Campbell Barracks parade field.

During the ceremony, IMA-Europe's seven Area Support Groups and 12 Base Support Battalions were redesignated as U.S. Army Garrisons to bring the IMA-Europe Region in line with the rest of the Army. The change is part of an overall strategy to standardize the organizational structure of IMA-EURO so that Soldiers and their families will see consistency in worldwide service delivery across Army installations.

Delegations from every ASG and BSB from Germany, Italy, Belgium, and the Netherlands, participated in the ceremony.

IMA was established on Oct. 1, 2002. The headquarters is located in Arlington, Virginia. IMA's mission is to bring together all installation support services under one umbrella to promote optimal care and support of Soldiers and families.

Before the establishment of IMA, major commands had two basic missions: the tactical mission and installation operations. Today, IMA manages installations in support of Army tactical missions and the major commands are no longer directly responsible for the day-to-day "city management" of installations.

Fallen Soldier remembered

By Spc. Justin Nieto
SETAF Public Affairs

Friends and family members gathered at the Ederle Chapel Friday to mourn the passing of Staff Sgt. Troy Ezernack during a memorial service in his honor.

Ezernack, 39, died in Qalat, Afghanistan, on Oct. 9, of injuries sustained earlier that day when his combat patrol was attacked by enemy forces using a grenade. Ezernack was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 503d Infantry (Airborne).

"It is a great honor for me to speak on behalf of the company and the members of Second Platoon," said Staff Sgt. Jason Harding, a friend and member of the Texas-born Ezernack's platoon. "I conducted numerous combat patrols with him and had a great professional, as well as personal, relationship with him.

"Whenever there was a difficult task to be carried out, Staff Sgt. Ezernack was always the platoon's 'go-to guy,'" said Harding. "Everyone that ever had the chance to work with him couldn't help being motivated by his positive presence."

A presence some would say stemmed from his years as a pastor for his small-town home in Lancaster County, Penn., where he served for over 10 years before chasing his dream of becoming an Army Ranger.

Those in attendance even sang Ezernack's favorite hymn, "And can it be?"



Staff Sgt. Troy Ezernack

at the start of the service.

"Staff Sgt. Ezernack was one of the most gifted [noncommissioned officers] that I've ever seen, both as my first-line supervisor and as a fellow squad leader," continued Harding. "He will be missed and Second Platoon will not recover from his absence.

"He will not be forgotten."

"The loss of Staff Sgt. Ezernack is a heavy blow to his family, friends and the United States Army," read the program handed out at the service. "But all take comfort from his having worked and lived for what he believed."

Senior enlisted advisor explains duties, philosophies

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – The senior enlisted advisor to the chairman will spend more time listening than talking, he said during a Pentagon interview Oct. 11.

Joint Chiefs Chairman Marine Gen. Peter Pace chose Army Command Sgt. Maj. William J. Gainey as the first senior enlisted advisor to the highest ranking military officer last month.

Gainey will serve as the chairman's eyes and ears on enlisted force matters. The sergeant major will advise Pace on enlisted education, health, welfare, morale and housing issues for servicemembers in joint billets.

"The key to that is 'joint,'" he said. He won't get involved in service-specific matters. "They already have senior enlisted advisors," he said.

He will, however, work closely with the service senior NCOs and they will constantly share information and impressions with one another. "All six of us working together – because the Coast Guard is a big part of this too – and, staying focused on the servicemembers, the winners are the servicemembers," Gainey said.

He said that military and civilian leaders owe servicemembers four things.

First, they need to give servicemembers "all the responsibility that they can hold.

"Then we have to give them the authority they need to be responsible," he said.

Thirdly, he said the military must hold people accountable for their actions. "People want that," Gainey said. "Everyone wants to be accountable for their actions, good and bad."

Finally, he said, senior personnel must stand ready to assist servicemembers when they stumble. "I will help you by coaching, teaching, mentoring and training," he said.

Gainey has been a noncommissioned officer for 29 of his 30 years in the military. He said NCOs must constantly ask what they can do as leaders "to help our young people."

He comes to the newly created position after service as the command sergeant major of the Army's 3rd Corps. The corps served as the command element of Multinational Corps Iraq during a deployment that ended Feb. 10.

"So I'm used to working in a joint environment," he said. "We had all services working together in Iraq."

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SETAF celebrates 50 years

See page 3 for event and
ceremony details.

Commentary

Be professional, be polite, be patient, be mature

By Sgt. Maj. Richard W. Weik
Command Sergeant Major
SETAF Rear

On Oct. 6, the PMO NCOIC and a young Military Police Soldier were positioned at the troublesome school bus stop on the exit street in Villaggio.

This is the bus stop which the command has received multiple complaints of speeders, and or, people passing the bus while it is loading.

The issue I want to make you all aware of was the flack this young MP took doing his job.

An irate spouse, who was late getting her children to the bus, chewed out this young MP who was guiding traffic around a stopped bus. This verbal assault was personal and very offensive.

In this community, these incidents happen more often than not. A large majority of individuals will voice a complaint or needed change to their chain of command, senior leadership, or agency, etc. The command, leadership, or agency will make a change or enforce a rule and then get abused verbally by someone who is affected by the rule being enforced.

Just because something was always done a certain way, does not make it the right way. Their are distinct lines between effective and efficient.

Please know this, if you bring up an issue that is valid and effects the community, something is going to be done about it.

**Personally Owned
Vehicle drivers must
stop when passengers
are getting on or off
school buses on U.S.
Forces-controlled
property, regardless of
whether the POV is
following or approaching
the school bus.**

Army Europe Regulation 190-1

A lot of times the command is not aware of an issue, that is why we have chains of commands, Family Readiness Groups, the Community Action Council and other venues. You may not always like the answer or solution, but know that no one in this command comes to work, holds meetings and says "Good morning all. This morning, we are going to harass Mrs. ---."

The good of the community is always the foremost thought of the command.

Bottom line: Be professional, be polite, be patient, and be mature. It will help SETAF bust through the growing pains and transformation that is needed and extremely over due. Together we can do this for our Soldiers, our families and our community.

AFTB Instructors Course

Make a difference in the lives of the Army family by becoming an Army Family Team Building Instructor. Instructors educate and train families with knowledge and skills to enhance readiness, deployment and living overseas. Students of this course learn presentation techniques, instruction styles, organization skills and classroom management – all skills that could enhance other aspects of your life now or in a future career. Don't wait. Call and register to become an instructor now. Contact Cynthia Giesecke at 634-8526.

Transformed By Trouble

The USAG Vicenza Chaplain's Family Life Office, in partnership with deployed SETAF and 173rd Brigade chaplains, is writing a series of devotional articles based on the best-selling book, "The Purpose-Driven Life," by Rick Warren.

The intent of these articles is to offer deployed Soldiers and their family members a devotional meditation, which you can use for weekly discussion and to hopefully deepen their spiritual connection during the separation.

By Chaplain (Maj.) Leon G. Kircher
Family Life Chaplain
USAG-Vicenza

"It is the fire of suffering that brings forth the gold of godliness..."

Madame Guyon

Our characters are molded by circumstances. And the most steeled characters were usually molded by difficult circumstances. I guess that means that all the trouble I got into as a young boy means I must have the character of Superman.

Growing up poor on a farm meant that we had enough to eat but it was pretty bland. Milk came dipped from the neighbor's milk tank that my grandfather drove to get every morning. Not pasteurized and certainly not homogenized but only within the last 30 minutes having come from the cow.

Food for the winter was pretty much what my mother canned from the garden in the summer and the pig or cow my grandfather butchered and then we froze (that's why I'm a vegetarian today).

School clothes shopping meant going to W.T. Grants in Clarks Summit, PA on a half-day trip to buy five shirts, five pants, five sets of underwear and 10 pairs of socks (no comments please). Plus, you always bought them a little big so you could grow in to them over the school year.

One day a kid at school said, "Man you guys sure are poor!"

My immediate response was, "I didn't know I was poor." I never knew my life was bad – but it was all I knew.

Robert Schuller said: "Tough times never last, but tough people do."

Tough times "steel" your character. It was never meant for any human being, nor was it ever promised by God, that life would be easy.

Life seems to be a series of problems and once one problem is fixed, another rears its ugly head. Rick Warren makes a great point by saying that "Your most profound and intimate experiences of worship will likely be in your darkest days."

Over the past several weeks, our units and community have said farewell to some wonderful Soldiers who gave their lives for the nation.

The courage they exhibited in the toughest times proved their character in the eyes of God. Every one of them was a man of **IRON**.

In the midst of the sorrow we feel for their loss, and the poor family members now alone, there is something comforting and supportive going on.

We talk about them, we relive what they were like in life and are saddened that they are now gone. But even these terrible events make us a stronger people and community, with greater resolve.

The Bible says: "These troubles come to prove that your faith is pure. This purity of faith is worth more than gold."

It doesn't mean we have to like it – it means that we solve it or endure it.

Finally, during the bombing of London in WWII, [Winston] Churchill [Prime Minister of Great Britain] was asked how the people of the city were ever going to get through it.

Churchill replied, "Even this will pass."

If you're having tough times friends, hang in there, have faith in God and it will pass.

You will be a better person.

Community

Action Council

This forum is to discuss issues that affect the community.

If you have an issue that you wish to submit, visit the U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza Web site at www.22asg.vicenza.army.mil and click on the Community Action Council link. This link provides you the opportunity to review issues that have been previously submitted and responded to by post agencies. There is also a form available for you to submit any new issue you would like addressed. If you have questions, call 634-5222 or 0444-71-5222 from off post.

The command encourages you to identify yourself when submitting a CAC issue in order to be able to answer your concern directly. The command also reminds the community that CAC issues submitted containing vulgar, derogatory or inflammatory language will not be addressed.

Childcare is offered during the CAC at \$4 per hour, per child, for children ages 6 weeks old through kindergarten from 8:45-11:15 a.m. Preregistration is required. Children will be cared for in the Child Development Center, building 395. Children must be registered with Child and Youth Services Central Registration. Call 634-7219 or stop by their location in the Davis Family Readiness Center.

The next Community Action Council meeting is Oct. 26 at 9 a.m. in the Ederle Theater.

Issue: Bushes in Villaggio – I have three large bushes in my back yard. The bushes

are over 10 feet tall, and I am incapable of cutting them myself. For the past three years I have called in a trouble call, two per year.

This year, I was told that Public Works would examine the bushes and cut a contract if the bushes needing trimming and if they were judged to be outside my capability to cut them. All the large bushes in Villaggio need to be cut twice a year, and they are all beyond the residence capabilities.

If a residence does not call in to have them trimmed, the bushes become overgrown. So why is there not a standing contract that covers trimming all the bushes twice a year – to include trees that encroach on the residences? Why do we wait for residents to call?

Response from Directorate of Public Works: Although Villaggio common area landscaping is maintained by contract, routine lawn care and shrub trimming is the occupant's responsibility generally out to 50 feet beyond the structure. In circumstances where trees or shrubs within the 50 foot line are reasonably beyond the resident's ability to safely or effectively maintain, the pruning or trimming of these items will gladly be accommodated by the landscape contractor via a customer generated work request. Because a diverse landscape exists in Villaggio in terms of tree and shrub location and size, there are no plans to change this policy.

The U-Do-It store has gardening tools that can be checked out to trim rose, and medium size, bushes.

Issue: Street Signs on Caserma Ederle –

Why are there no street signs on Caserma Ederle? It is very difficult to give visitors directions to our building or any other buildings on post when they can't see what street they are driving on because there are no signs available. Try giving visitors directions with no reference points for them to use.

Response from Directorate of Public Works: We don't know the answer to why there are no street signs on Caserma Ederle. Tradition and the relatively small size of the post seems to be the main reasons. However, we would have to agree that, as with most towns, no matter how small, street signs do serve a useful purpose. A work order has been initiated to signpost our 13 or so streets and will be placed on the Annual Work Plan for Fiscal Year 06. Since this is a relatively low cost suggestion, funding for this in FY 06 looks reasonable.

Issue: Swimming Lessons for Children Whose Parents Work Full-time – *After this last CAC, it seems as if you missed the real issue when discussing swimming lessons for children whose parents work from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Swimming lessons need to be offered for all ages after the end of the work day (5 p.m.). Children that are in the lower levels for lessons still would not be able to attend because it interferes with the normal work day hours.*

Recommendations: *Please have swimming lessons offered at all levels after the end of a normal work day (after 5 p.m.). Or even on weekends so that all children can participate in the activity.*

Response from Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation: Thank you for the opportunity to explain the details of the Winter Swim Lesson Sessions and the reason why we have them scheduled at the times that we announced in our earlier CAC response (05-233).

To expand on our previous answer, we have only one instructor for the Winter Swim Session versus the three instructors that we had during the summer sessions. Our one instructor works exclusively with children during the 3:30 p.m. sessions and with adults during the 5:30 p.m. sessions. Due to having only one instructor on staff, and for safety concerns, we cannot have both adult and children lessons during the 5:30 p.m. session. We schedule this time for adults because this is the only time that would allow us to conduct classes for our community's working Soldiers, civilians, and family members.

We are aggressively pursuing the option of hiring and or contracting additional instructors. If or when we have the additional staff, we will expand our sessions to be more accommodating to those patrons and children that ask for or need classes during the after 5 p.m. timeframe.

Instructors must be Water Safety Instructor qualified to teach the Red Cross Swim Course. Again, if a community member is interested in teaching swim lessons, please call NAF Contracting at 634-7234. If you are interested in volunteering as a swim instructor, please sign up with the Army Volunteer Corps Coordinator in the Davis Family Readiness Center.

SETAF gears up for big birthday

By Spc. Justin Nieto
SETAF Public Affairs

It's not everyday you turn 50, and the people comprising the Southern European Task Force know it as they prepare to celebrate the unit's 50th year in existence here this weekend.

The three-day event will kick off Sunday and last through Tuesday, Oct. 25, featuring performances from the CINCSOUTH NATO Band (Allied Forces Band, Naples), historical displays and an official military commemoration ceremony.

The historical displays will feature numerous photos and memorabilia from each of SETAF's five decades of service, including old model Army uniforms and vehicles from various time periods.

"We've collected memorabilia, photos and stories from collectors, individuals associated with SETAF in the past and units to assemble a historical display covering the last 50 years of the SETAF community," said Allie Vallery, public affairs specialist, SETAF.

"There will be groups who collect and are interested in military history arriving on Sunday with their antique military vehicles. It will be a great opportunity for Soldiers, civilians, families and our Italian neighbors to see how things have changed – and how they've stayed the same over the last 50 years," Vallery said.



Staff Sgt. David Sharp figure-eight roles his parachute after hitting the jump zone after a 1200 foot descent from a C-141 aircraft. The jump zone is located near Lucca. (Photo by Biasci)

A free concert scheduled for Monday will begin at 9 p.m. in the Teatro Astra, downtown Vicenza. The band will play a variety of music to include a classical overture, a medley of Greek music, Italian classics, a Sinatra vocal medley and a medley of folk music from Naples. The band is composed of performers from the U.S., Greece, Italy and the U.K.

To reserve seats, or to ask for further details, call 634-8278.

Schedule of events

Sunday

- **Band event downtown**
Time: Noon – 1 p.m.
Place: Piazza dei Signori (covered area)
Band: A brass ensemble will play in the piazza.
- **Celebration Party**
Open to the Italian and American Community
Time: 1 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Place: Tent by Hoekstra Field
Several bands, including the NATO band will play. American food and children's activities. Historical displays. Antique military vehicle show.

Monday

- **Downtown Concert**
Time: 9 p.m.
Place: Teatro Astra
Band: CINCSOUTH NATO Band (Allied Forces Band, Naples)
Bus transportation from the post will be provided and there are a limited number of tickets available. To reserve seats, or to ask for further details, call 634-8278.

Oct. 25

- **Official Ceremony**
Time: 11 a.m.
Place: Hoekstra Field
Band: Ceremonial (NATO)
- **Band Concert**
Time: 3:30 p.m.
Place: Tent by Hoekstra Field
Band: Alliance Band (NATO)

2005 Combined Federal Campaign – Overseas

By Gen. B. B. Bell
Commander
U.S. Army Europe



Gen. B. B. Bell

The 2005 Combined Federal Campaign – Overseas begins Oct. 3 and ends Dec. 2. The CFC is the only campaign authorized to solicit donations from employees in the federal workplace on behalf of charitable organizations. The campaign motto is *Make a World of Difference*.

Each year millions of dollars are raised through the CFC for thousands of nonprofit charities. Through the CFC, Soldiers and civilians can designate donations for a wide range of charities. Some donations directly support our overseas communities. We received \$96,039.09 last year for our family support and youth programs.

Helping those in need here in the European theater, in the United States, and elsewhere around the world is an affirmation of the American spirit. The CFC is a valuable and reliable program through which we can express our desire to help.

I charge leaders and supervisors across the Army in Europe to support this campaign in their organizations and communities. Our CFC goal is to give every Soldier and civilian employee an informed opportunity to make a contribution.

I strongly encourage everyone to give generously to his or her charity of choice. Doing so will help *Make a World of Difference* for the Army in Europe.

More CFC Information

The Combined Federal Campaign is the annual charitable giving opportunity for federal employees and military members and is the most successful fundraising model in the world.

The CFC-Overseas (comprised of EUCOM, CENTCOM, SOUTHCOM, and PACOM) has a strong tradition of giving and consistently is the second highest grossing CFC (out of over 340 regional campaigns).

This is particularly impressive in light of the fact that the CFC-Overseas is responsible for five percent of the total CFC dollars raised, yet is only comprised of two percent of the federal workforce.

CFC is also having a giveaway along with the campaign. First Prize is a brand new 2006 Ford Fusion. Second Prize is two airline tickets. Third Prize is a \$1,000 Savings Bond. Contributors are automatically enrolled in the giveaway.

At Caserma Ederle: Soldiers can contribute through their unit coordinators. Anyone else wanting to contribute can contact Sgt. Daniel Bregaglio, community area project officer, at 634-7145 or via email at Daniel.Bregaglio@setaf.army.mil. You may also stop by Bregaglio's office at the USAG Vicenza Military Personnel Service Office located in Building 3, upstairs to the left.

At Camp Darby: Contact Staff. Sgt. Ruth Garcia, Headquarters Detachment, USAG-Livorno, at 633-7441 or via email at Ruth.Garcia@darby.setaf.army.mil for information on making a contribution.

ENLISTED ADVISOR:

Senior enlisted advisor explains duties, philosophies

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Gainey also has family members in every service but the Coast Guard. "And I'm working on that," he said with a laugh. He said he has known many of the senior NCOs in the sister services for years.

Gainey doesn't intend to change the way he has been doing things. "I've been a sergeant major for 10 years," he said. "There's two ways sergeant majors can do things: They sit behind a desk and they figure out what should happen, or they get out and see what's happening. And the best way to figure out what should happen is to get out and talk to the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen.

"Those folks tell me what their concerns are, and then I establish my objectives."

He said in his first year he will get out and listen to the concerns of servicemembers around the world.

While his primary focus is on joint service, he will not ignore anything. "If I see something that concerns me, I'll work to solve it at the lowest possible level," he said.

Gainey said the U. S. military has learned the lessons of jointness, and the younger servicemembers inherently understand that. He said when he was in Fallujah, he

asked a young Marine how he liked fighting alongside the Army. "He told me, 'Sergeant major, we got it figured out. You old guys haven't figured it out. We know together we are unbeatable.'"

"We have to fight together, because when you fight alone, what do you have? Nothing but yourself."

The biggest change he has seen in 30 years of service is the willingness to give servicemembers the responsibility and authority and let them do the mission. "When I came in 30 years ago, young PFC Gainey couldn't do anything without permission," he said. "It was a lockstep. Now we expect young people to think and then to act."

Gainey said he can't foresee the day when the military services lose their individual culture and identity, but he does expect closer cooperation among the services.

"When I was in Iraq and spoke with servicemembers, I would ask them to take their fingers and cover up their branch," he said. "I'd ask, 'What do you have left?' They'd answer, 'U. S.' I'd tell them, 'That's right – 'us.' We're not trying to take away their identity, we need them to understand we have to work together with one focus."

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Soldiers' Theatre play takes top award at IMA-E competition

Soldiers' Theatre brought home the Best Show award for their performance of "The Tolstoy Story Play" during IMA-Europe's 2005 Festival of One Act Plays held in Heidelberg, Germany, Oct. 7-9. Performers were Jamie Kamiya, Rosie Malone, Michael Heyer, Kelly Martin, Bizzy Buffington, Andrew Fantacone, and Tracy Jordan. Along with Best Show, Soldiers' Theatre also received the following awards: Best Director Second Place – Karen Ebert; Best Performance in a Minor Role Second Place – Michael Heyer as the character of The King; and Best Ensemble First Place. Soldiers' Theatre was also recognized as the Community and Family Support 2005 Outstanding Recreation Awards – Best Worldwide Army Entertainment Program.

"It was an amazing weekend," said "Tolstoy Story Play" Director Karen Ebert. "The group really came together and gave their best performance yet. This play was a wonderful collaboration among everyone involved. The awards were just a great culmination of a lot of dedication, focus and best of all – fun." (Photo provided by Soldiers' Theatre)

MOMS Club

Stay-at-home parents, children welcome

MOMS Club of Vicenza
Special to the Outlook

The MOMS Club of Vicenza held their Open House on Sept. 22 in the Davis Hall Readiness Center. Although the organization was formed last spring, many of the activities are starting up for the first time this fall.

"We had a lot of interest before the summer holidays, and now that everyone is returning it looks like people are looking for fun and educational things to do with their young children," said Stephanie Christensen, founding member and club president.

All the members of the local MOMS Club are volunteers, and although the organization found its start through a generous donation from the Vicenza Military Spouses and Civilians Club, it will be a self supporting, non-profit private organization.

"We are all mothers of small children so we know how time consuming and exhausting being a stay-at-home parent can be. That's why we've created a club where your children are welcome, where parents can have an opportunity to meet each other, and where your commitment can be as little or as great as you feel comfortable with," said Christensen.

The International MOMS club was founded in 1983 and has over 2000 chapters in several countries. They have a very informative Web page that can be accessed at www.momsclub.com.

The local chapter here in Vicenza will meet monthly for organizational meetings, but will have much more to offer.

"We have started up several activity groups that specifically meet the needs and interests of our members. Some of them meet monthly, while others meet weekly. If you have a specific interest and you'd like to share it with other moms, we can provide you with a medium for doing that," said Christensen.

Currently there are several playgroups operating on base and in members' homes. There is also a Book Sharing Club, an Exercise Group that meets twice a week, a Cooking Club, and a Mom's Night Out. The group has also met for several Park Days and went hiking together this past summer.

"We are hoping to start a Babysitting Coop in the next month or so and a Scrapbooking Club," said Christensen. "After our meetings we'll also have a Clothing and Toy Swap. All our activities are geared to be enjoyed by both our members and their children, in a relaxed and stress free environment."

Joining the MOMS Club is easy. Christensen can be reached by phone at 340-233-5082, or by email at stephanie.christensen1@us.army.mil. Dues are only \$20 and cover the member and his or her children for the entire year. Everyone is encouraged to join regardless of race, religion or gender.

Most of the activities are held during the day, so work best for parents who work part time or in the home and have young children.

"Our organization will benefit from the greatest variety of members possible," said Christensen. "We want everyone to know that they are welcome, and if they don't see an activity that interests them, we'll do everything possible to create one that does."

"As stay-at-home parents we've chosen a challenging, yet enjoyable occupation, but it doesn't have to be isolating or lonely. Come join us!" encouraged Christensen.

Darby Club Beyond raises funds for teen lunches

Story and photo
By Chiara Mattiolo
Camp Darby Public Affairs

A smoked beef brisket served with a drink, and chips was served for \$7, for the last three Wednesdays, at the Camp Darby Chapel to raise funds to sponsor Club Beyond activities.

"The first week we sold out all we had in less than an hour," said Jessica Barlow, Club Beyond director. "We served 75 meals, but unfortunately we had to say sorry we are out of food to too many customers. We were not expecting that many people."

The Kansas City style brisket was cooked by David Andler and served by Marti Plaster, both volunteers.

"It takes a long time to cook it," Andler

explained. "This is a two-day process. The meat stayed in the smoker for about 14 hours."

The funds raised will help sponsor free lunches for teens offered every Monday at the chapel by Club Beyond.

"We offer a free lunch for all the teens from sixth to twelfth grade every Monday to help them socialize and to create a positive setting for community children," Barlow said.

Club Beyond is also looking for volunteers to support their programs.

"We are looking for volunteers to work with the teens with the aim of putting a spiritual emphasis on fun," said Barlow.

For information on Camp Darby Club Beyond contact Barlow at 633-7261.

For information on Caserma Ederle Club Beyond contact Gil Carter at 634-6546.

Babysitter's Training Course

The American Red Cross will hold a Babysitter's Training Course on Saturday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Course fee is \$25 and includes book and babysitting kit.

For more information, call 634-7089 or stop by Red Cross Office in building 108, the Davis Hall Readiness Center, room 47.

Stay Connected

Families and spouses can stay connected to their deployed loved one at the Communication Center located in the Davis Family Readiness Center.

With email access, VidiTalk video messaging and video teleconferencing capabilities, Soldiers and families can stay close. Call 634-6178 or 634-7500 for more information or stop in at the DFRS.

Special viSit

Brig. Gen. John Mcdonald, commander, U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center, observes a class of elementary students with Alice Herring, Vicenza Elementary School principal, during a tour of the facilities here at Caserma Ederle. Brig. Gen. Mcdonald visited Caserma Ederle and Camp Darby during his time here in Europe observing facilities and programs that fall under Army Community and Family Support. Along with the schools, Brig. Gen. Mcdonald visited many post facilities including the Davis Family Readiness Center and the Ederle Library. (Photo by Spc. Justin Nieto, SETAF Public Affairs)

One lawyer to make a difference during deployment in Afghanistan

Story and photo
By Sgt. 1st Class Stephen M. Lum
Task Force Bayonet Public Affairs

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan—How many lawyers does it take to make a difference? Here in Kandahar it only takes one.

Capt. John J. Pritchard, from Canal Winchester, Ohio, is here to make a difference for not only the Soldiers deployed to Kandahar, but also to the people of Afghanistan.

Pritchard, the 173rd Airborne Brigade’s assistant Judge Advocate General, is presently assigned to the Kandahar Airfield Base Operations office. He works with a staff of five paralegals to provide legal assistance to the Soldiers of Regional Command South. He also acts as the attorney for the KAF Base Operations commander.

“I just want to serve the Soldiers of RC South,” said Pritchard, a former National Guard infantryman. “Whether it is a commander needing advice concerning the legal impact of a command decision or a Soldier needing a personal legal issue addressed, my goal is to provide accurate legal counsel so the commander or Soldier can focus on their primary mission. That gives me a great deal of personal satisfaction.”

On the legal side, said Prichard, he attended a shura (meeting) with Gen. Muslim Amed,

Afghan National Army’s 205th Corps commander, and local property owners who were concerned about a new boundary fence being built on their property. That meeting led to another one with the local keeper of property records who determined that no private property would be taken.

After the meeting, he took the opportunity to distribute toys and school supplies sent from family and friends back in Ohio. He handed out Hot Wheel cars to several little boys, soccer balls, and some school supplies donated from the Groveport United Methodist Church and an American Legion Post.

“It wasn’t the first nor will it be the last time I’ll be distributing gifts from home,” said Prichard, who was a paralegal before he passed the Ohio bar and received a direct commission. “Included in my stash of giveaways were dental supplies from my dentist, Doctor Robert Sotck, and his wife, Lisa, along with an assortment of clothes and toys from my 9-year-old son, Jason.”

During one of the Village Medical Outreach visits in September, Pritchard was really given an opportunity to present his goodies. With the help of some adult volunteers, he was able to pass out several of the 100 soccer balls he got from his church and American Legion Post. Although his son said that he didn’t have any money to give, he was glad to donate his out-grown, but not out-worn, clothes.

“I hope to leave a positive impression with the future of Afghanistan; especially the children,” said Pritchard, who lives in Vicenza, Italy, with his wife, Michelle and Jason. “I hope they will remember the Soldier who gave them a toy or soccer ball when they grow up and know that the United States helped make Afghanistan a better place for them.”

Capt. John J. Pritchard shakes the hand of a Panjwayi boy who got one of his son’s, Jason, T-shirts.



First twins born at new center

Cathy and Darren Buss pose with their newborn twins Natalie Jane, left, and Matthew James at the Benincaso Pavilion only two days after their birth. The twins were born at the facility on Oct. 11.

“I am very excited,” said Cathy. “I know it is going to be a ton of work and I will not sleep for the next year or five or so, but it’s a great blessing.”

The parents who found out about the twins pregnancy at the 20th week, were happy to use the post facility.

“The staff is wonderful here,” continued Cathy. “I couldn’t have asked for a better experience. I have been here probably twelve times, and they have become friends, family.”

The Buss family arrived in Vicenza this past January with their other two children Gabriel, 7, and Caroline, 6, who are also excited to have a brother and sister.

“We had both our older children back in the States and the care was fine, but it was just great here,” Cathy highlighted. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

JCAHO set to survey Vicenza clinic

Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
Public Notice

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of Vicenza Army Health Clinic on Nov. 10.

The purpose of the survey will be to evaluate the organization’s compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards. The survey results will be used to determine whether, and the conditions under which, accreditation should be awarded the organization. Joint Commission standards deal with organization quality, safety-of-care issues, and the safety of the environment in which care is provided.

Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and valid information about such matters may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission’s field representatives at the time of the survey. Information presented at the interview will be carefully evaluated for relevance to the

accreditation process. Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing and should be sent to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins. The request must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Such requests should be addressed to:

Division of Accreditation Operations
Office of Quality Monitoring
Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
One Renaissance Boulevard
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181
Or Faxed to 630/792-5636
Or Emailed to complaint@jcaho.org.

The Joint Commission’s Office of Quality Monitoring will acknowledge in writing or by telephone requests received 10 days before the survey begins. An Account Representative will contact the individual requesting the public information interview prior to survey, indicating the location, date, and time of the interview and the name of the surveyor who will conduct the interview.

Out & About



By Dorothy Spagnuolo

Events in and around Vicenza

Vicenza: This weekend will see, in *Piazza dei Signori* and the surrounding area, an exhibition of fruits and the colors of the earth.

Italian farmers from the Vicenza area will be showing off their best products – from cheese to vegetables – that will also be on sale.

Find roasted chestnuts and a display of different nuts from which will be selected the most beautiful based on its dimensions.

On Friday at 2:30 p.m. there will be the lighting of the braziers to roast chestnuts and the start of *Marroni e del Vin Bon*, Chestnuts and the Good Wine.

At 3 p.m. the market and the exhibition of DOC wines open.

Saturday at 10 a.m. the market opens; at 3 p.m. hear a band concert, and at 9 p.m. listen to country music.

Sunday at 9:30 a.m. there's a *Tosella*, a type of soft cheese, and butter demonstration with a free tasting session.

At 10 a.m. the market opens. At 3 p.m. there's music in the square and at 3:30 p.m. there is a demonstration of the craft *Il Cocciaio*, an old Veneto expression that means "one who makes vases and trays."

At 4 p.m. watch a demonstration of Latin American, Tango and Salsamerika dancing.

Watch out for traffic and soccer fans who will arrive in Vicenza for the soccer game on Saturday. Vicenza will be playing Arezzo at 4 p.m. in the soccer stadium just down the road from post.

The town of Nogarole Vicentino will be holding its 23rd Annual Chestnut Festival this weekend in the evening hours.

Nogarole Vicentino is located 21 miles northwest of Vicenza, on the SP38.

In Lusiana Sunday, as part of the *6th Annual Pomo Pero* (apple, pear) exhibition, there will be a market not only selling these items but also honey, salami, cheese, biological products and handmade straw

objects to include purses. Open 9 a.m.-noon and 3-6 p.m. Lusiana is about 24 miles north of Vicenza, on the SP69.

Bassano: In the church of Santa Croce on Sunday at 4:30 p.m. enjoy listening to the choir Subboteya directed by Elena Bisina from San Petersburg, the Lavaredo chorus directed by Luigi Zampieri from Padova, and the Giovani Voci San Vito chorus directed by Cinzia Zanon from Bassano del Grappa.

Voci Bianche: On Nov. 5 in the SS Trinita Church in Bassano the *Voci Bianche Chorus*, White Voices, from Ajdovsciana, Slovenia, directed by Marinka Sustar, and the *Coro Giovani Voci San Vito*, Young Voice Chorus San Vito, directed by Cinzia Zanon, will perform at 8 p.m.

Entrance is free. Call 335-789-8909 for more information.

Farming exhibit

Interested in tractors and farming accessories? This weekend more than 70 exhibitors will be showing them off in the Foro Boario area, which is located near the Vicenza est autostrada exit from 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

There will also be an area where children can see horses and cows that are on show.

Entrance fee is 5 Euro.

Exhibitions

Vicenza: The *Salone del Bricolage* will be held at the Vicenza exhibition grounds Thursday through Sunday.

On hand will be everything you need for your handicraft – be it decoupage, stencils, ceramics, embroidery and patchwork or other items.

See demonstrations and hands on of the different handicrafts, check the Web site for times and cost.

Open everyday from 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m. The entrance fee is 6 euro.

The Web site www.fieri.vicenza.it. In Italian only, on the Web site also find discount tickets under *preiscrizione*.

The grounds are located near the Vicenza west autostrada exit.

Padova: The *Casa su Misura* (furniture exhibition) held in the Padova exhibition grounds will end Sunday. Find furnishings and accessories for your home and garden.

Open weekdays: 4-10 p.m.; and weekends: 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Entrance fee: weekdays 3 euro and weekends 9 euro.

Car racers vs. fashion designers soccer match

Car racing and fashion design fans are in for a treat Sunday when the national pilots play against the national fashion designers in a charity soccer match.

The match will be held in Padova's soccer stadium at 6 p.m.

Participants can see the unbeatable team of Italian driving champions (Michael Schumacher, Turlli, Fisichella, Lai and Patrese) challenge the national fashion designers, composed of the big names of Italian fashion (Diesel, D&G, Stone Island, Versace, and Trussardi, among others).

The objective is to raise funds to be donated to the Green Cross of Padova to buy a new ambulance.

Tickets cost 10 or 5 euro each, children under 13 years pay 2 euro. Tickets are available at different stores in Padova. Go to the Web site: www.nazionalepiloti.org for names and addresses.

Events in and around Venice

The **Venice Marathon** starts Sunday at 9:20 p.m. from the town of *Strada*.

The athletes run along the River Brenta toward Marghera and Mestre to the Liberty Bridge that leads them in Venice.

Full details are on the web site: www.venicemarathon.it.

Pumpkin and Courgette fair – This fair in the town of Salzano, near Venice, celebrates pumpkins and courgettes.

It is based around various *zucche* (pumpkins) competitions, food tasting and demonstrations.

There are also prizes for the largest and the smallest vegetable.

Some of the activities to see on Sunday are: 10 a.m. - opening of the pumpkin and local produce market-exhibition; 3 p.m. - demonstrations on how to cut a pumpkin; and 6 p.m. - food stands open with the main ingredient being the zucca.

Directions from Vicenza (56 km): take the autostrada A4 toward Venezia, exit at Dolo-Mirano, go toward Mirano, then find signs for Salzano.

Classical music in Venice

Throughout October, November, and December, the Interpreti Veneziani chamber group will perform a series of violin concerts in the San Vidal church in Venice.

Music includes pieces from Vivaldi, Paganini, Bach, Tartini, Locatelli, Debussy, Mozart, Rossini, Marais and Beethoven. For complete details of all concerts, directions and cost go to the Web site www.interpretiveneziani.com

Now Showing

Caserma Ederle Theater

Oct. 19	Must Love Dogs (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Oct. 20	Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo (R)	7 p.m.
Oct. 21	The Cave (PG-13)	7 p.m.
	The Great Raid (R)	10 p.m.
Oct. 22	The Dukes of Hazzard (PG-13)	2 p.m.
	The Great Raid (R)	7 p.m.
	The Cave (PG-13)	10 p.m.
Oct. 23	The Cave (PG-13)	2 p.m.
	Supercross (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Oct. 24	Closed	
Oct. 25	Closed	

Camp Darby Theater

Oct. 20	High Tension (R)	7 p.m.
Oct. 21	Valiant (G)	7 p.m.
Oct. 22	Four Brothers (R)	7 p.m.
Oct. 23	Valiant (G)	3 p.m.

Movie Synopsis

THE CAVE - *Morris Chestnut, Eddie Cibrian* - A rescue team is sent down into the world's largest cave system to try to find the spelunkers who first explored its depths. But when the group's escape route is cut off, they are hunted by the monstrous creatures that live down below.

THE GREAT RAID - *Benjamin Bratt, James Franco* - Set in the Philippines in 1945, "The Great Raid" tells the true story of the 6th Ranger Battalion, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Henry Mucci who undertake a daring rescue mission against all odds. Traveling thirty miles behind enemy lines, the 6th Ranger Battalion aims to liberate over 500 American prisoners-of-war from the notorious Cabanatuan Japanese POW camp in the most audacious rescue ever.

SUPERCROSS - *Steve Howey, Mike Vogel* - Two brothers overcome emotional and physical obstacles to achieve success in the competitive world of Supercross racing. The brothers' conflicts are magnified by their different life choices and their decision to become competitors and rivals. KC is a more cautious rider than his younger brother Trip, who has more natural talent but takes too many risks. When KC gets an all-expenses paid "factory" — corporate sponsored — ride, a rift forms between the two brothers. Trip is forced to go at it alone, becoming a "privateer" — a rider without a sponsor. But when a career threatening crash ends Trip's Supercross career, he and KC realize that they must put aside their conflicts, and work together to help KC defeat the world's greatest Supercross champions.

FOUR BROTHERS - *Mark Wahlberg, Andre Benjamin* - After their adoptive mother is murdered during a grocery store hold-up, the Mercer brothers — hotheaded Bobby, hard-edged Angel, family man and businessman Jeremiah, and hard rocking Jack — reunite to take the matter of her death into their own hands. As they track down the killer, they quickly realize that their old ways of doing business have new consequences.

Admission: Adults age 12 and over \$4, children \$2.
The Ederle Theatre box office opens one hour prior to show time.
Tickets to blockbuster shows are presold at Baskin Robbins.

Mako Sharks Attack

Provided by Tom Buffington
Special to The Outlook

After a day of sight seeing, shopping, and attending the Vicenza vs Sigonella football game, the Mako Sharks took to the beautiful new outdoor aquatics center at NAS Sigonella and swam to a second place finish.

The coaches saw a marked improvement in all swimmers and nearly all times improved over the last meet. Qualifiers for the European Championships were Ryan Boll in 50FR and 50BK, Meghan Higgins in 100FR, Taylor Higgins in

100FR, Steve McCroary in the 50FR, Savannah Owens in the 50FLY, and DJ Schendel in the 100IM.

Kudos to DJ Schendel who dropped an incredible 17.1 seconds, Jonathan Bowman who dropped a massive 26.51 seconds, Patrick McGuire who swam exhibition at our last home meet, competed in the 50FR and BK, and Megan Buffington who swam exhibition FR and BK in her first competition.

The Mako Sharks want to thank Vicenza high schoolers who came and supported the team this meet.

The team had some fantastic races and built up enough points for the team to finish second.

The next home meet is Nov. 6.

The Mako Sharks swim team is having a Bake Sale at the PX and a Car Wash by the Auto Hobby Shop on Saturday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Donations will defray travel costs and support swim team events.

Operation Christmas Stocking underway

The goal of Operation Christmas Stocking is to put a personalized Christmas stocking in the hands of all military and civilians serving in Afghanistan – the goal is 17,000 stockings.

Stars & Stripes, has partnered with Operation Give, who will ship a 40-foot container filled with Christmas stockings to Afghanistan.

Stockings must arrive at the address below by Oct. 24:

Operation Christmas Stocking
c/o Stars & Stripes
529 14th Street NW
Suite 350
Washington, DC 20045-1301

The goal is to make each stocking a thoughtful, personal gift. Include a Christmas card and any personal notes you wish. If children are packing the

stockings, let them make a Christmas card.

Below is a list of prohibited items:

Flammable and combustible liquids and solids
Cigarette lighters
Knives
Sharp-pointed instruments
Liquor
Lewd or pornographic matter
Matter inciting violence
Politically, socially, or racially-offensive items
Candy cigarettes, cakes with alcohol
Sand and/or soil
Pork or pork products
Perishable items (cheeses, meats, etc.)

If more than 17,000 Christmas stockings are received, the surplus will be distributed to Afghani children.

HOME COMING

Photos by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff



Vicenza High School Player gets ready to return the ball back during the fourth game played against Marymount International School of Rome. The Vicenza High School Girls Volleyball team defeated MMI 25-6; 14-25; 25-19; 29-27.

Below: Vicenza High School Player tips the ball over the net during the game against MMI at the post fitness center Saturday. The VHS Volleyball Boys lost to MMI 15-25; 17-25; 20-25. The team also played Livorno.



Above: Vicenza Cougar Running Back runs 77 yards surrounded by Bamberg players during the VHS Homecoming Football game Saturday on Caserma Ederle's North 40. Bamberg won the game 44-6.



Students and parents form a colorful line at the free barbecue provided by MWR Friday evening to kick off the Homecoming weekend. The event took place at the football field. During the evening, the Vicenza High School senior athletes and their parents were recognized. After the recognition, the VHS Cheerleaders performed a show.

Booster Club supports school sports, activities

Booster Club

Special to The Outlook

The Vicenza High School Booster Club is in their third year of operation, and the Booster Club is proud that they are growing and getting better every year with the support of parents, teachers, administration, and community members.

The mission of the club is to support the high school athletics program, which currently includes football, cheerleading, volleyball, cross country, wrestling, basketball, drill team, rifle team, track, soccer, and tennis.

Last year the club was able

to provide equipment, trophies, banquets, letters, pins, and other items requested by coaches.

They purchased the school mascot suit and sponsored and participated in all Homecoming events.

They club also awarded the first Joe Pellerito Scholarships to a male and female athlete each in the amount of \$500.

"This is only possible because we have awesome volunteers that make this happen," said Shand Mayville, club president.

Food booths are the clubs main source of fundraising, along with sales from Cougar stuff, including T-shirts, sweatshirts, mega-phones and more.

"We can always use help and new ideas," said Mayville.

Booster Club meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 3:15 p.m. at the high school.

The club has a bulletin board with all current information about the Booster Club located in the high school's main hall outside of the computer lab.

If you would like to join the Booster Club or are interested in more information contact:

Shand Mayville, club president, via email at shandmayville@hotmail.com or

For membership information contact Laura Williams at laura.williams3@us.army.mil.